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- Public workshop update.
- Improvements you identified for U.S. 95 in Owyhee County.
- Next steps for the corridor study.

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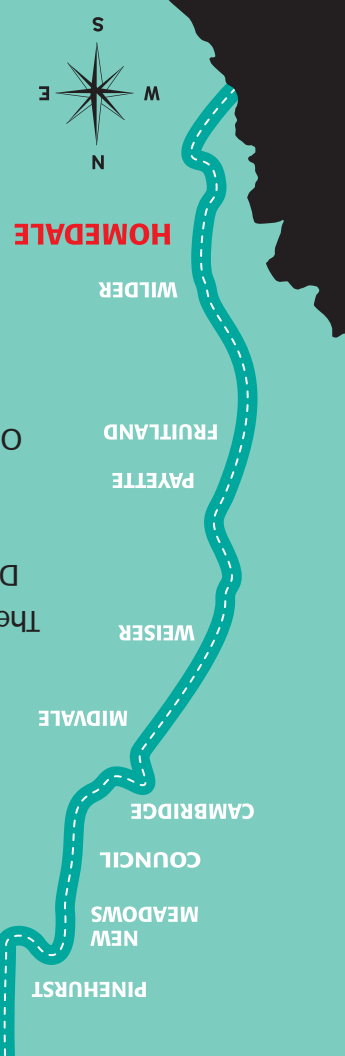
U.S. 95 CORRIDOR STUDY NEWSLETTER OWYHEE COUNTY

The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted 12 public workshops in counties along U.S. 95 to gather comments about corridor needs and future improvements.

Look inside to read what we learned in Owyhee County.



The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 203 miles of U.S. 95 from Pinehurst to the Oregon state line south of Marsing. The study will result in a long-range plan that will help ITD prioritize improvements to the roadway.





THANK YOU!

Approximately 30 people attended two workshops in December 2008 in Homedale. The workshops focused on improvements to U.S. 95 in Owyhee County.

ABOUT THE U.S. 95 CORRIDOR STUDY

U.S. 95 is an important north-south link between Mexico and Canada. In Idaho, recreational and local traffic share the corridor with long-haul freight, straining the roadway as demand grows.

The U.S. 95 corridor study includes 203 miles and five counties from Pinehurst to the Oregon state line. It involves:

- **Developing a long-range plan** that will help set policies and projects over the next 20 years.
- **Identifying current and future needs.** ITD will consider safety, access, traffic and environmental issues.
- **Gathering information** from engineering studies, community input, and city, county and highway district goals.
- **Setting priorities for improvements.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the U.S. 95 Corridor Study, visit itd.idaho.gov and select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *U.S. 95 Corridor Study*, or contact:

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Persons needing an interpreter or special accommodations are urged to contact the Public Involvement Coordinator at (208) 334-4444 or TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.

Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete o arreglos especiales que llamen al coordinador de participación público al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants at the Owyhee County workshops asked ITD to improve:

SAFETY

- Widen U.S. 95 between ION Junction and Homedale.
- Rebuild the roadway and fix crumbling shoulders.
- Act more quickly on improvements.

TRAFFIC FLOW

- Add traffic calming devices.
- Add access control in city limits.

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

Several participants identified specific intersections or mileposts for improvement.

A detailed summary of comments is available on the project Web site at itd.idaho.gov (select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *U.S. 95 Corridor Study*).



NEXT STEPS

You will be notified when the draft corridor plan is available for review.

Spring	2009	Summer/Fall
Finish conducting public workshops along U.S. 95, including one in Marsing.		Distribute the draft corridor plan.
Fall/Winter	2009/2010	Winter
Work with local jurisdictions to conduct public hearings.		Publish the final corridor plan.